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## Letter dated 2 May 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

Following the withdrawal of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) at the end of May 2000, the United Nations Tajikistan Office of Peace-building (UNTOP) was established on 1 June 2000, with the Council's support. I appointed my former Special Representative for Tajikistan, Ambassador Ivo Petrov (Bulgaria), to serve as my Representative in the country and as Head of UNTOP.

As provided for by the Office's terms of reference, UNTOP's activities during the past year have focused on the consolidation of peace; political support for efforts to mobilize international resources and assistance for national recovery and reconstruction; promotion of the rule of law and the strengthening of democratic institutions; support for local human rights initiatives; and promotion of coordinated and focused effort by the United Nations system in the country in matters related to peace-building.

Since the establishment of the Office, my Representative has been active in facilitating the process of reconciliation and broadening national consensus in the political environment, which still bears traces of the tragic civil war. UNTOP, together with the United Nations country team, has made a significant contribution to mobilizing international support for targeted programmes aimed at the creation of employment and the retraining of former irregular fighters and their integration into civilian life.

In view of the important and very positive role currently being played by UNTOP, as well as the country's continuing need for support in its post-conflict peace-building efforts, with the concurrence of the Government of Tajikistan, it is my intention to continue the activities of UNTOP for a further period of one year until 1 June 2002.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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